

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, February 13, 2014

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m. with the pledge. Sue stated that she reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, B. Murphy, D. Goodyear, J. Francis, G. Horning, H. Kline, G. Englehart, F. Huth

Old Business

Sue stated that there will be a public meeting regarding the pipeline this Saturday at the CC. She attended a similar meeting at the county and found that good information was provided.

New Business

Roger was approached by Bill Bunker of Davey Tree with a request to park at the Old School Park while doing work in the area. Bill stated that the crew usually leaves at 7:00 a.m. and returns at 4:00. They anticipate parking there for 3-4 months. Roger explained that in the past some tree work was done in exchange for parking. Bill does not see any problem with the request. Mike is fine as long as they park along the eastern border of parking lot. Mike moved to allow Davey Tree to park their trucks at the Old School Park. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Roger spoke about a letter from Stow regarding the renewal of our dispatch service in April. Chief Lang and Roger met with the mayor to discuss the details. The proposal is the same as what is currently in place except that they would like to have a longer contract. The proposed length of the contract is 15 years. Stow prefers to have a longer contract for stability. Mike commented that we initially had a few bugs that were worked out when the tower was installed. Roger stated that if we entered in a 10 year contract they would deduct \$1,000 per year for the first five years. With a 15 year \$1,500 would be deducted for the first five years. The contract has to go through city council. Mike feels it is a substantial savings but is concerned about the exit clause. Roger stated that he initially sent the contract to Chris Meduri. Chris reported that either party could terminate the contract with proper notice. Roger will send correspondence to the Stow mayor advising that we will think about it until our next meeting. Sue is worried if Portage County forces all townships a county. Mike commented that Portage County never committed to that area in any long term. Roger stated that it has always been all talk as long as he has been trustee.

Mike and Sue have nothing at this time.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 13 – 32 totaling \$71,101.43 and pay warrants 35168– 35206 and EFT/vouchers 18 – 29 totaling \$38,479.84. Roger so moved. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported they have been busy with plowing, salting, and working on equipment. Larry asked about advertising for bids for tree work. He stated there are a few more trees at the park and cemetery that need to be removed. Mike suggested that he and Larry drive around and mark trees. Larry asked how soon they will park as they have not been plowing the park parking lot. The new strobe lights have been delivered and they began installing them on the trucks. Larry reported that there have been five funerals to date. Sue received several calls from residents who commented they are happy with the job the road crew is doing.

Dan presented the Administrative Assistant report. No permits were issued. There was one lot split. Dan has been in contact with the Bassett Road owner's son regarding the demolition process. Dan presented the resolution to begin the demolition process, but does not want to incur any costs at this time. Mike moved to adopt the resolution. Roger seconded. Discussion: Sue heard that the farmer who is farming the land has contacted them to purchase the property. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes. Dan has been sending letters to residents with zoning violations. Sue stated that Sarchione Ford is offering \$20 per test drive on April 5 from 10-3 to benefit the Waterloo athletic track project. Sue one per family. Benefit athletic project of the track.

Roger read the Fire Department Report in Chief Lang's absence. Responses for January: EMS – 24; Fire – 6; MVC – 7; Inc – 5; Tests – 4 for a monthly total of 42 and YTD total 42. Chief Lang reported on membership, training, and repairs. Committees have been appointed to work on the EMS levy and the fire department's 75th Anniversary. The Easter Egg Hunt to be held on April 13 at 2:00 p.m. with an Open House from 1 – 4 p.m.

Public Comment

Howard commented that he is happy about Davey Tree. He asked the trustees to consider a definite date that the parking lot will be used since many local people walk the trail for exercise. He suggested an alternative lot to use would be the baseball field parking lot. Sue commented that the Moyer Field parking lot gets packed when games are played. Howard has some comments and statements about the Sarchione property. Howard asked the following questions; he asked if anyone tried to stop any of the work that was being done. Sue stated that when she noticed the work being done she took steps to correct it. She realized that the proper procedure was not followed but it has been corrected. He asked Roger why he used the Record Courier to support Sarchione and insult the residents of Randolph. He feels it was derogatory. Roger responded that he wrote a Letter to the Editor in response to comments in Sound Off. Roger understands that not everyone will agree with him but he does not have an issue with that. Roger despises Sound Off as all it does is incite people with no repercussion. Roger feels if someone has something to say they should come to a meeting or call him to discuss any problem. Roger felt the comments in Sound Off were a personal assault on himself and his family. He wrote the Letter to the Editor to make it clear that he despises Sound Off and what it related to. Roger stated the comments implied that he had a job because he was doing favors for Sarchione. Roger tries very hard to do nothing that appears illegal. Roger suggested that the people who have nothing to positive to say should volunteer in our community. Roger feels if it is so bad get out. He stands behind that and signed his name. Howard asked why Rick sent a letter to the BZA instead of speaking at the meeting. Sue commented that Rick has a short temper and was taken to court by zoning for their business on Aberagg Road years ago and won. Rick owns the lot on the corner and likes what the car dealership is doing and thinks it looks great and is glad for their success. Sue stated that she is not allowed to talk at the meeting and Rick felt it was best that he not attend. A letter is more than acceptable and has been done in the past by other residents. Sue stated that it is not a matter of being for or against the Sarchione's. The trustees have nothing to do with how the Zoning Boards do their jobs. Sue feels the community is better than it has ever been. Everyone's opinion is different. Howard is concerned that violations are not being handled. Howard asked why it took two months to take care of the sidewalk issue. He stated that the sidewalk was reduced to 18 inches from 24 inches. Mike stated there is no good answer. Howard asked Sue and Roger if they gave permission to tear down a house and do a lot there. Roger said the county issues permits for tear downs not the township. Sue and Roger answered no. Mike told them he did not see a problem but they need to see Dan. Howard asked how they did it without variance. Mike stated that Dan has a duty to follow. Mike stated that all these questions have been asked before and handled. Howard asked if the three knew what was going on. Roger stated that he does not talk to the Sarchione's about it. Sue and Mike did not. Sue commented that she and Dan both walked side by side on the sidewalk from the gazebo past the parked cars. Mike has marked the pin line. There was discussion about the sidewalk age and past condition. Howard would like the appearance of a normal sidewalk instead of asphalt. Howard commented that the Sarchione's moved into town and began buying property and tearing down houses and parking on them without variances. Sue asked if he had a problem with Mr. Hanlin when he tore down the house on his property. Howard asked if he had a variance. Mike stated there was no variance. Roger stated that they need a permit from the county for demolition. Howard asked why an entrance from Waterloo Road to the business was allowed without an engineering plan. Mike commented that Old Mill Run was to be a dedicated road. Howard went to a meeting to change zoning to be easier to understand. Howard questioned why it was changed from a unanimous vote to a majority vote. Mike explained the past unanimous and majority vote changes. Howard commented that the trustees do not have to agree with each other. Howard is not against the Sarchione's. He just wants the rules to be followed. Howard is frustrated with the trustee's disregard to zoning. He is upset that the residents are called whiners when all they want is for zoning laws to be followed. Howard commented that their property can do what they want without a promise that things will not change. Howard feels it is unacceptable. Roger tried to explain zoning. Howard feels the trustees are passing the buck. Howard and John stated Roger offended the residents by his letter. He proposed that all three be removed and be replaced for any decisions involving the Sarchione's. Howard commented that it is obvious all are in favor of Sarchione. Howard felt it looked better when it was farmed. Howard has a question from his mother who could not attend the meeting. Nan wants to know if the storage lot for excess inventory is for other dealers. She would like an answer from the Sarchione's or trustees, storage for excess inventory for other dealers. Sue stated that the trustees are not making any

decisions when it comes to the Sarchione's. The zoning rules are to be handled by the zoning boards. Sue stated the mistake was corrected to best of our ability and will be followed for any future changes. She reiterated again that the trustees cannot vote on the zoning rules. Howard asked why Roger was in the hallway. Roger stated that according to Chris Meduri the trustees should not be at the meeting or if they choose to attend they should sit in the corner as to not influence the board. Roger stated that he has a right to listen.

Bob asked status on street lights. Sue brought up his concern at the Old Mill Run homeowners association meeting and they voted no. They told Sue the other streets in Randolph have street lights and if the township would reduce their taxes they would be happy to pay for the lighting. Other folks in town that live on streets with lighting do not pay. The association pointed out to Sue that their taxes are higher than most and were a little upset with the fact that she asked the question. Bob made a statement suggesting they thought they were better than other people. Sue stated that was not nice and simply not true. He told her to ask and she did. Their answer was no. Bob is happy he switched from Ford to Chevy. He would like a more definite answer with lighting.

Glen commented that some stuff should have been stopped before it started. He explained a situation that happened when he was replacing a roof. Roger stated that it was the Zoning Inspector not the trustees.

Fred asked why everyone is placing blame on the Zoning Inspector. Mike stated that it is his job. Mike stated that the Zoning Inspector is appointed to do his job and takes the heat for mistakes.

Glen asked if anyone inspected the electric or anything else. Mike stated that commercial jobs need to be inspected by the county.

John asked if a site plan was given to anyone. It should have included all the requirements.

Fred stated that the parking lot with 4 inches of asphalt is not meant for heavy equipment. He commented that taking down the guardrail created more traffic. Mike stated the township did not want guard rail but installed at the insistence of Lamar. Fred feels they are doing whatever they want and would find their own ways to get trucks in. Fred presented the Letter to the Editor section of the paper. Sue commented that she is not perfect, but when she saw a problem she handled to best of ability. Every ZC and BZA member drove by the lot as well as all those attending tonight's meeting, but no one ever said anything. Fred feels it should have been shut down from day one.

John Francis asked about the newsletter. The last one was last May. Dan stated that he is working on one now. John is disappointed that Roger stated it is a gray area and that Dan stretches the rules. He feels Roger has a lot of nerve to condemn every person in township. Roger asked why he can be degraded.

Gary stated that he tried to come to the trustees about the issue. Gary stated that his attorney sent a letter to the trustee and Zoning Inspector. Sue stated that when she came into town and saw the lights after being on vacation she asked how that happened. Since she had to get a variance to have lights and a sign on her corner she knew an error had been made. She called Dan and she called Portage Planning before ever talking to Gary Horning. After Gary was at the meeting and he asked her if she questioned it and had told him yes, she asked Roger to talk to Chris Meduri. Chris told Roger that it was not a big deal and Portage Planning had told Sue it should have a variance but since it was beside a lot that was used for cars and a house with three semis it was the end of the world. After Sue thought about it and was concerned because some folks could perceive it as a conflict of interest and because a senior citizen was upset over the procedure not being followed; she asked an attorney she works with in real estate. He thought it would be best if she called Chris Meduri and talked to him explaining her concerns. After doing that on October 9th, Chris told Sue to ask for legal counsel in writing. Chris told Dan and Sue to have them get a variance on the lot. On October 10th Dan and Sue asked Sarchione's to get a variance and to make sure they talk to Dan in the future. The letter from Gary did not come until October 18th. Sue said she had documentation to prove that. Things were in motion to correct the error and make sure it did not happen again before Gary sent a letter. Gary had asked Dan what was being done and Dan stated that nothing was being done. Sue was told she could not respond directly to Gary since a letter was sent from his attorney. Gary feels he is getting the run around. Sue asked Gary is he is calling her a liar. Gary responded yes. Sue asked Dan if she started the appeals process before Gary became involved. Dan responded

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yes. Gary stated that it does not pay to argue. Gary commented that it is still not done properly. He stated that a car dealership is not allowed. Gary stated that no one responded to the attorney's letter or his letter. Sue told point blank that our attorney would handle the letter.

Howard asked Roger to bring it to a meeting if he feels he has been offended and told Roger that if he ever insults the community again. Roger stopped him and asked if he was threatening him. Howard stated that he is not threatening but stated that he will make everyone aware of it.

John commented that he feels the editorials and Sound Off are inappropriate. The paper doesn't just cover Randolph. He feels it is calling everyone cowardly. He feels they could have addressed issues in the township. Sue when they tried to address the issue no credit given. Sue was involved immediately. Sue explained the process. When Sue spoke to Chris Meduri and Portage Planning she was told it was no big deal. She then contacted her personal attorney who thought it should go through the variance. After speaking with Chris and explaining a possible conflict he suggested getting legal counsel. Sue explained that Dan was told to do his job and the trustees back him up. Sue explained that ZC is going to get more involved with Zoning Inspector. The trustees are not in charge of the zoning boards. Sue is not a fan of Sound Off. When Sue ran for trustee she was sick and tired of politicians doing things just to better themselves.

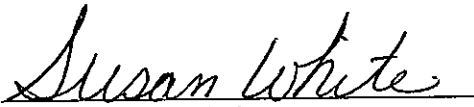
Howard stated that when he asked the Zoning Inspector about the process he told him that he could not talk about that. Sue understands his frustration but we were told not to talk about the details since we received a letter from an attorney. When she saw the problem she worked to correct it.

John stated that he gave letters to Roger, Mike and Dan complaining about the property next to him. He asked that his name not be used, but Dan went down and used his name. John asked Sue about junk property devaluing surrounding properties and asked again for something to be done. Dan used his name again and the neighbor started bothering his wife. John stated that Dan has no business naming names. Sue agrees that it should have been stated that Randolph Zoning states he is in violation. Dan stated that it was handled properly. Sue realizes that nothing is perfect and understands his frustration. She also knows that everyone loves this township.

Roger asked Fred if he lived in the township. Fred does not live here but owns property and pays taxes.

Sue asked that if there is something that she should be doing. Gary asked if the property across the street is zoned properly. Sue asked Todd Peetz who stated the BZA has the ability to do what they want to do. Gary stated that our book does not state that. Sue stated the problem was corrected to the best of our ability.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 a.m.


Susan White, Chairman


Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer